

settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on First Amendment issues related to cigarette advertising regulations and litigation concerning those restrictions, and civil liability provisions of the proposed settlement, and related provisions of S. 1530, *Placing Restraints on Tobacco's Endangerment of Children and Teens Act* (pending on Senate calendar), receiving testimony from David W. Ogden, Counselor to the Attorney General, Department of Justice; Richard A. Daynard, Northeastern University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts; Martin H. Redish, Northwestern University School of Law, Chicago, Illinois; and David S. Versfelt, Freedom to Advertise Coalition, and Floyd Abrams, both of New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

GLOBAL TOBACCO SETTLEMENT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on public health goals, receiving testimony from Michael P. Eriksen, Director, Office on Smoking and Health, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention, Alan I. Leshner, Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Marc W. Manley, Division on Cancer Prevention and Control, National Cancer Institute, John M. Eisenberg, Administrator, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, and William B. Schultz, Deputy Commissioner for Policy, Food and Drug Administration, all of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Matthew L. Myers, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids/National Center for Tobacco-Free Kids, R. Timothy Columbus, Collier Shannon Rill & Scott, on behalf of the National Association of Convenience Stores, and Scott D. Ballin, American Lung Association, all of Washington, D.C.

Hearings continue on Tuesday, February 24.

SOCIAL SECURITY REFORM

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded hearings to examine the future of the Social Security system and goals to restore its long-term solvency, after receiving testimony from Kenneth S. Apfel, Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Jane L. Ross, Director, Income Security Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Fidel A. Vargas, Cambridge, Massachusetts, former Member of the Advisory Council on Social Security; and Timothy J. Penny, Cato Institute, and Joseph Perkins, American Association of Retired Persons, both of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will next meet on Wednesday, February 11.

Committee Meetings

No Committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Regulatory Relief, to hold hearings to examine bankruptcy reform issues, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on the Budget, to hold hearings to examine the fiscal relationship between the Federal government and State and local governments, 10 a.m., SD-608.

Full Committee, to resume hearings on proposals to reform the national education system, 2 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, business meeting, to consider the nominations of Donald J. Barry, of Wisconsin, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Fish and Wildlife, and Margaret Hornbeck Greene, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Enrichment Corporation, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Full Committee, to hold hearings on S. 1069, to designate the American Discovery Trail as a national discovery trail, a newly established national trail category, and S. 1403, to establish an historic lighthouse preservation program, within the National Park Service, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance, to resume hearings on proposals and recommendations to restructure and reform the Internal Revenue Service, including a related measure H.R.